Vol. VII. Numb. 84

THE OBSERVATOR.

A Story of an high-flying Clergy-man in Fenchurch-Street. *The Neceſſity of Endeavours by Queen and Parliament, to put a Stop to the ſpreading of ſuch Principles in our Univerſities, and among our Clergy. On the high-flying Epiſcopal Clergy in* Scotland. *On the Preſentment of the Grand Jury of* Middleſex *againſt* May-*Fair.*

From **Wednesday**, December 1. to **Saturday**, December 4. 1708.

Country-m. I Have got a high-flying Story for you, Maſter. I find the *Rehearſer*'s Diſciples improve, eſpecially among the tantivy Clergy-men.

Obſ. You know, *Roger*, he made his Boaſts lately of the Civility of the Clergy to him; for except the two *Hoadleys*, there's few of 'em that appear againſt him, if we may believe him and his Country-man *Ralpho*, who, I ſuppoſe, is nearly related to *Don Quixot*'s 'Squire of that Name. But tell me the Story, *Roger*.

Country-m. 'Tis thus, Maſter. A very honeſt Gentleman brought me an Account a few Days ago, that he ſome Time ſince heard a certain Clergyman, who preaches in a Morning at a Church not far from *Magpye-Alley*, in *Fenchurch-Street*, ſay, at the *Mitre Tavern* near *Aldgate*, *That he had rather be a* Roman *Catholick, than a Presbyterian; that the former was a good Chriſtian, and the latter none.* And the Gentleman told me farther, Maſter, that he is inform'd, the ſaid worthy Divine did, on the 5th of *November* laſt, *leave out thoſe parts of the Common-Prayer, which make any Mention of the Deliverance we receiv'd by the late Glorious King* William.

Obſ. That's a High-flyer indeed, *Roger*; I fancy he ſcorns to perch ſo low as on the Top of the great Croſs lately erected on the Cupula of St. *Paul*'s in *London*. The Top of that on St. *Peter*'s at *Rome*, would afford him a much more agreeable Proſpect; for there he might have a View of the ſcarlet-colour'd Whore in all her Pomp and Glory; but if he ſhould happen to caſt his Eye on the Tomb of *Innocent* the XI. perhaps it might turn his Head, and make him fall down and break his Neck.

Country-m. Why ſo, Maſter?

Obſ. Our High-flyers hate the Memory of that Pope, *Roger*, and would ſcatter his Aſhes in the Air, if they could come at 'em; for you may remember, that the Champion of the Faction, the *Rehearſal*, in his Paper of the 4th of *September* laſt, vented his paultry Choler againſt him, Parag. 6. where he ſays, 'He can give Inſtances ſince that 'Time, of Innocent Popes, who have join'd with 'Godly Sons to depoſe their Father; and the Saints 'conſenting and abetting, who will join with the 'Pope or the Devil, to depoſe their Kings. The plain *Engliſh* of which, is, That they hold the Memory of that Pontiff in Execration, becauſe he was an Enemy to the growing Power of the *French* King; and therefore was ſuppos'd to have been no Enemy to the late happy Revolution, ſince he knew that King *James* was to be the *French* King's Second in enſlaving all *Europe*, on the glorious Condition, That *Lewis* the XIV. would aſſiſt him to eſtabliſh Popery and Slavery in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: Therefore the *Rehearſal* modeſtly charg'd King *William* and Queen *Mary*, of glorious Memory, and her preſent Majeſty, as having join'd with the Pope and the Devil, to depoſe their own Father, as I told you before.

Country-m. But you know he charg'd it upon you for making the Application, by which he ſaid you made the Reflexion your own, Maſter.

Obſ. That's one of his Popiſh Equivocations, *Roger*. I have read *Platina*'s Lives of the Popes, as well as the *Rehearſer*, and defy him to ſhew any other Pope *Innocent*, to whom 'tis applicable; but I anſwer him farther, in the Language of the Grand Jury for the honourable City of *London*, *Aug.* 29. 1705. who, in their Preſentment of the Libel, called, *The Memorial of the Church of* England, and other factious and ſeditious Pamphlets, ſaid, 'There 'were treaſonable Libels frequently publiſh'd and 'diſpers'd under various *Innuendo's*, cunning Cy-'phers, and Diſguiſes, (yet ſo as to be underſtood) 'boldly reflecting upon her Majeſty, our eſtabliſh'd 'Church, and civil Conſtitution; therefore they 'preſented all ſuch, and receiv'd the Thanks of the 'Court, for their Duty and Loyalty in ſo doing.

Obſ. 'Tis my Country Opinion, Maſter, that the *Britiſh* Parliament would do very acceptable Service to God, her Majeſty, and their Country, if, when they find a proper Time for it, they would think of ſome good Laws to prevent the ſpreading of ſuch pernicious Principles among us, as unchurch all the foreign Proteſtant Churches that want Biſhops, and repreſent the Diſſenters here and in *Ireland*, and the Church of *Scotland*, as no Chriſtians: For, if ſuch Principles, as you have ſaid already, be ſuffer'd to ſpread in our Univerſities, and among our Clergy-men; and if Books and Pamphlets of that Tendency, be allow'd a Currency, without Cenſure, 'tis in vain for us to think, that the Union betwixt the two Nations, or Harmony and Peace among the Proteſtant Subjects of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, can be long liv'd.

Obſ. The Inſtance of the Clergy-man you juſt now brought me, *Roger*, is a ſufficient Proof of the ill Conſequences that attend the Publication of ſuch uncharitable Opinions; which, as I told you before, are quite contrary to the Doctrine of our glorious Martyrs and Reformers, who kept a very good Underſtanding with foreign Proteſtants, tho' they had no Biſhops; and in the Canons of our Church, they are order'd to be pray'd for, as Churches of Chriſt; and the Church of *Scotland* is expreſs'd by Name, in the 55th Canon, tho' ſhe was then as much Presbyterian as now; ſo that thoſe High-flyers are ſcandalous, and uncharitable Diſſenters from the Church of *England* on that Head, tho' they would cover themſelves, and their unchriſtian Rancour, under her venerable Name; which they unjuſtly arrogate to themſelves, by excluding the moderate Church-men, as well as Diſſenters, and declaim againſt Moderation, tho' enjoin'd by our Saviour, and commanded by her Majeſty.

Country-m. I think 'tis high Time, Maſter, that ſome effectual Courſe ſhould be taken to put a Stop to ſuch ſchiſmatical and anti-chriſtian Principles; for you ſee the *Rehearſal* of *Saturday* laſt, ſays, they are got among the Epiſcopal Party in *Scotland*, who don't look upon the Miniſters of that Church, to be Miniſters of Chriſt; and therefore won't attend their Adminiſtrations. I ſhould think it incumbent upon our Clergy, when they meet in Convocation, to declare their Adherence to the 55th Canon of our Church, and expreſs their Abhorence of ſuch pernicious Principles; for if ſuch Men be allow'd to cover their wild Notions under a Pretence of the Authority of the Church of *England*, it will certainly bring her under Reproach;

and

and at the ſame Time, is inconſiſtent with the Union-Act, which has eſtabliſh'd the Church of *Scotland*, as well as that of *England*, as a Church of Chriſt, and owns the Purity of her Worſhip; therefore I think, Maſter, the Queen and Parliament are concern'd not to let ſuch Principles be publiſh'd and ſpread, as have a Tendency to deſtroy the Union, upon which her Majeſty values herſelf, as one of the greateſt Succeſſes in her Reign.

Obſ. You ſay very well, *Roger*. 'Tis too true, that thoſe wild and anti-chriſtian Notions are generally imbib'd of late by the *Scotch* Epiſcopal Clergy, together with *Jacobite* Principles againſt the Government, tho' in this they act contrary to the firſt Act made by the Conſent of their own Biſhops in the ſecond Parliament of King *Charles* the II. by which, 'the Diſpoſal and external Policy of the 'Church was lodg'd in his Majeſty and his Succeſſors, as an inherent Right of the Crown; and 'that they might ſettle, enact, and emit ſuch Conſtitutions, Acts, and Orders, concerning the Adminiſtration of the external Government of the 'Church, and the Perſons employ'd in the ſame, 'and concerning all Eccleſiaſtical Meetings, and 'Matters to be propos'd and determin'd therein, as 'they in their Royal Wiſdom ſhall think fit. But now they refuſe to allow her Majeſty a legal Power in Church-Matters, tho' they ſwallow'd down this arbitrary Power in King *Charles*, without ſo much as a Proteſtation.

Country-m. Aye, but, Maſter, the *Rehearſer* ſaid King *Charles* the II. did afterwards write to the Council, wherein he aſſur'd them he did not deſign to invade the Power of the Church; and that the Council made an Act accordingly, to explain that Act; which he ſays, by the Conſtitution of *Scotland*, the Council might do.

Obſ. That's according to his uſual Veracity, *Roger*. I have peruſ'd all the *Scotch* Acts of Parliament, and defy him to produce one that allow'd the Council ſuch a Power, tho' they tyrannically aſſum'd it. Beſides, that does not relate to this Act, but to another made by the Duke of *York*, when Commiſſioner there; and the Act of Council was made only to ſooth the Epiſcopal Party a little, ſome of whom began then to ſmell that Popery was intended: But I defy him to ſhew me, that this Act was repeal'd 'till the Revolution. We know, however, that he and his Faction are for arbitrary Government, make the King's Will paramount to all Laws, and controulable by none.

Country-m. I want your Thoughts, Maſter, on the Preſentment by the Grand Jury of *Middleſex*, againſt the Abuſes of *May* Fair.

Obſ. I think, *Roger*, thoſe Gentlemen have acted the Part of loyal Subjects, and good Chriſtians, and did well to follow the noble Example of the City of *London*, againſt the Abuſes of *Bartholomew* Fair. 'Tis but part of the juſt Returns we owe to the Goodneſs of God, who fights our Battels Abroad, to declare our ſelves againſt thoſe who violate his Laws at Home. The Riots, Tumults, Lewdneſs, and Murther, that have been committed there, and the Wickedneſs that conſtantly attends the profane Shews, and other ſcandalous Diverſions in that Place, are a Diſgrace to our holy Religion and well-order'd Government. Beſides, I think their Apprehenſions very juſt, that this Fair being ſo near her Majeſty's Palaces, ſeditious Perſons might excite ſuch Tumults there on Purpoſe, as ſhould make it neceſſary for the Guards to come and ſuppreſs them, and give our *Jacobite* Aſſaſſins an Opportunity to attempt her Majeſty's Life, by ſetting Fire to her Majeſty's Palace, or otherwiſe, and endeavour to murder her, during the Confuſion while ſhe removes, as they deſign'd to have aſſaſſinated the late K. *William* and Q. *Mary*, of glorious Memory; for thoſe who publiſh Libels every Day, to make the Revolution a damnable Sin, animate Villains to ſuch deſperate Undertakings.

Advertiſements.

This Day is publiſh'd,

☞ Poetical Reflexions, Moral, Comical, Satyrical, &c. on the Vices and Follies of the Age. Containing, 1. The Praiſe of Liberty, in a Speech ſuppos'd to be ſpoken by the King of the Gypſies. 2. A Poem on the Board of Ordonnance. 3. Upon the Siege and Surrender of Liſle. 4. The Murdering Age; or, The World bewitch'd. 5. The Pelican. A Fable, inſcrib'd to Sir Richard Onſlow, Bar. 6. A Funeral Poem, ſacred to the immortal Memory of his Royal Highneſs, Prince George of Denmark. 7. An Epitaph on the ſame. 8. The Triumph of Mault; or, Johnſon's Vineyard. Being a Panegyrick on the Variety and admirable Qualities of Mr. Johnſon's Liquors, at the Golden Lyon, againſt Middle-Row, Holborn. Part 9. To be continu'd occaſionally. By ſeveral Hands. Sold by B. Bragge in Pater-Noſter-Row. Price 6d. where may be had the 8 other Parts, at 6d. each.

In few Days will be publiſh'd,

☞ The Works of the Reverend Mr. Edm. Hickeringhill, late Rector of All-Saints, Colcheſter. In two Volumes. Containing, 1. The Hiſtory of the Whigs; their Plots, Principles, and Practices, in 2 parts; being the ſecret Hiſtory of the Whigs, from the Time of the Civil Wars, &c. 2. The horrid Sin of Man-catching, or a true Idea and Character of wicked Magiſtrates, Apparitors, Bumms, and Catch-poles. 3. Curſe ye Meroz, a Sermon, containing the Standard of our Obedience to ſovereign Power, that Kings can do no Wrong with Reſpect to the Doctrine of Paſſive-Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance. 4. An Apology for diſtreſs'd Innocence, a Sermon, preach'd Jan. 30. ſetting forth the reſtleſs Spirit of Republican Principles, and King-killing Practices. 5. The Lay-Clergy, or Lay-Elder, a ſhort Eſſay on the Lawfulneſs of the Clergy's exerciſing temporal Offices. 6. The Trimmer's friendly Debate with the Obſervator, concerning the Uniformity and Benediction of Charters, and the Houſe of Commons not a Houſe of Courtiers. 1. The black Non-conformiſt. 2. The Poſtſcript to the ſame, on Excommunication. 3. Some Conſiderations on the Nature of Marriage; and a Deſcription of Matrimony, made by the Inſpiration of the Holy Ghoſt. 4. The Author's Thoughts on Confirmation. 5. An Eſſay on the Vertue of Sequeſtration. 6. An Epiſtle to the Tories. 7. The Muſhroom; in Anſwer to Mr. Dryden's Satyr againſt Sedition. 8. A Poſtſcript to the ſame. 9. The Ceremony-monger. 10. The Good Old Cauſe; or, The Divine Captain; containing Arguments to make a Soldier religious and brave againſt the Fears of Death, in the Service of his Country. With ſeveral other Tracts. Corrected and reviſ'd by the Author, ſome Time before his Death. With an Index to the Whole. Sold by B. Bragge in Pater-Noſter-Row.

Juſt publiſh'd,

¶ Mars ſtript of his Armour; or, The Army diſplay'd in all its true Colours. Containing the Characters of an Army in general, a Regiment or Battalion, a Captain-General, a Lieutenant-General, a Major-General, a Brigadier-General, a Colonel, a Lieut. Colonel, a Major, a Capt. of the Guards, an Aid de Camp, a Partizan, a Spy, a Captain, a Lieutenant, an Enſign, an Adjutant, a Quarter-Maſter, the Chaplain of a Regiment, the Surgeon, a Serjeant, a Grenadier, a private Centinel, a Provoſt, &c. By a Lover of the Mathematicks. Sold by B. Bragge in Pater-Noſter-Row, and J. Woodward in St. Chriſtopher's Church-yard, near the Royal Exchange. Price bound 1 s.

Juſt publiſh'd,

☞ Mirth in Ridicule, a Satyr, containing the Follies of a Sea-Officer, Land-Officer, Courtier, Lawyer, Prieſt, Merchant, Scholar, Poet, Miſer, Lady, Maid, Strumpet, Beau, Gameſter, Quack, Plotter, and a Libertine, price 6 d. 2. The Battel of Audenard, a poem, occaſion'd by the Glorious Victory obtain'd over the French near that place, July 11. 1708. N.S. by the Confederate Army; with the Characters of the General Officers, who were preſent in the Engagement, price 6 d. 3. The Long Vacation, a Satyr, price 6 d. 4. The Plagues of Ægypt, a Poem, in 2 parts, price 6 d. 5. The Barbacu'd-Feaſt, or, the 3 Pigs of Peckham, by the Author of the Trip to Jamaica, price 6 d. 6. The Celeſtial Divorce, &c. written in Italian by that famous Wit Ferrante Pallavicini, and now done into Engliſh, with the Life of the Author; to which are added, the State-Intrigues of all the Popes to the preſent Time, price 1 s. All ſold by J. Morphew near Stationers-Hall.

Juſt publiſh'd,

☞ The Wooden-World diſſected, in the Characters of, 1. A Ship of War. 2. A Sea-Captain. 3. A Sea-Lieutenant. 4. A Sea-Chaplain. 5. The Maſter of a Ship of War. 6. The Purſer. 7. The Surgeon. 8. The Gunner. 9. The Carpenter. 10. The Boatſwain. 11. A Sea-Cook. 12. A Midſhip-man. 13. The Captain's Steward. 14. A Sailor, &c. By a Lover of the Mathematicks. The ſecond Edition, corrected and amended by the Author. Sold by B. Bragge in Pater-Noſter-Row. Price bound 1 s.

☞ Compleat Sets of the Obſervator, or ſingle ones, ever ſince it was begun by Mr. Tutchin, to this Time, are to be had of B. Bragge in Pater-Noſter-Row, and H. Meere at the Black-Fryar in Black-Friars; where may be had Mr. Tutchin's Effigies, neatly engraven on Copper.

☞ Gentlemen, who have any Thing to communicate to the Author of this Paper, are deſir'd to direct it to be left with H. Meere, at the Black-Fryar in Black-Friars, for the Obſervator, Poſt-pay'd. Where Advertiſements are taken in.

LONDON, Printed for the Uſe of the Widow of the late Author, JOHN TUTCHIN.